Expansion of Telecom Services in Rajasthan

2447. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether developemnt and expansion of telecommunication has remained slow in rural and urban areas in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme for accelerating the development and expansion of telecommunication in the State of Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The overall rate of growth of telephones in rural and urban areas in Rajasthan alongwith all India growth rate during the last three financial years is given below:—

Year	Growth rate in Rajasthan	All India growth rate
2003-04	35.59%	40.16%
2004-05	37.03%	28.53%
2005-06 (till 31.10.2005)	27.08%	18.70%

(c) and (d) Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) is supporting the schemes for accelerating development and expansion of telecommunication in the country including the State of Rajasthan. USOF has entered into agreement with BSNL and private players for providing following facilities in rural and remote areas of Rajasthan:—

- Provision of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in 12,386 remaining unconnected villages by November, 2007. This excludes villages having less than 100 population, lying in thick forest area/naxalite infested areas etc.
- Provision of Rural Community Phones (RCPs) in 1416 villages in Rajasthan service area with population of more than 2000 and not having a PCO by September 2007.

- Provision of Rural Direct Exchange Lines (RDELs) 'on demand' in 203 commercially unviable Short Distance Charging Areas (SDCAs) in the first quarter of 2006.

Loopholes in Cyber Laws

2448. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are plugging the loop-holes in cyber law by attuning adequately e-capable to counter-e-criminality;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had targeted the wrong people due to the loopholes existing in the past and present system;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government had paid any compensation to the victims for targeting wrongly;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons for not paying compensation to the innocent persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Cyber Crimes are adequately covered in the Information Technology Act, 2000. However, new forms of computer crimes like video voyeurism identity theft, phishing have emerged. It is proposed to provide legal framework to prevent such crimes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) and (g) Do not arise.

Fake marketing websites

2449. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that multilevel marketing websites are duping large number of people;

(b) if so, the details of the cases lodged throughout India and the action taken on it; and